

REMARKS

I. Introduction

In the Office Action mailed on 06/05/2007, the Examiner indicated that claims 249-251, 261, 274-276 and 286 are in condition for allowance. Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for his thoughtful consideration and allowance of these claims.

II. Status of the Claims

Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled claims 252-260, 262-273, 277-285, and 287-298 in this application without prejudice in order to expedite prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in a continuation/divisional application.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of the allowed claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be useful in resolving any outstanding issues, he is invited to call the undersigned at 970-266-4584 or Thomas D. Briscoe at 970-204-7002.

Respectfully submitted,

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